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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Parties Interested in Recovery Housing in Louisiana

**FROM:**  Traci Watts  
Director, Community Development Block Grant Program

**DATE:** January 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Funding Availability  
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) – Recovery Housing Program

Under Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, entitled Pilot Program to Help Individuals in Recovery From a Substance Use Disorder Become Stably Housed, herein referred to as the Recovery Housing Program (RHP), the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Local Government Assistance (OCD-LGA) was allocated \$838,000 in FY 2020 funds and \$854,429 in FY 2021. The RHP pilot program would support low- and moderate-income persons as they recover from a substance use disorder and began a path to self-sufficiency by providing stable housing for a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever comes first.

Housing stability is fundamental to recovery and a critical factor contributing to positive outcomes. For many individuals, achieving and maintaining recovery from a substance use disorder is hindered by a lack of safe, affordable housing that is supportive of recovery. Recovery housing provides support to individuals as they initiate, stabilize, and maintain long-term recovery in the community. This funding would help the residents secure housing during their recovery process, which would be beneficial to the long-term recovery process.

OCD-LGA, through a partnership with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), has determined that the area in greatest need of assistance with recovery housing facilities is the City of Bogalusa. Based on this determination, OCD-LGA will administer this project directly with construction of a public facility(ies) and will be accepting applications from nonprofit organizations that can provide knowledge and expertise in the operation. Eligible uses of funds are the construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of facilities for occupancy by people in recovery located in the Bogalusa area.

Applications for this funding should be submitted by email to [heather.paul@la.gov](mailto:heather.paul@la.gov) by March 30, 2022, and address the following criteria:

- Must be licensed (or willing to become licensed) in and in good standing with the State of Louisiana to provide substance abuse and recovery residence services.
- Experience providing substance abuse and recovery residence services.
- Describe previous experience with federal awards and/or collaborating with other federal programs, including HUD and HHS.
- Data and/or explanation regarding the organization's unmet needs.
- Demonstrate capacity for additional services in the Bogalusa area.
- A plan for providing annual outcome measures including the proposed number of individuals assisted with RHP funding, proposed number of individuals able to transition to permanent housing and how the project measures success.
- Timeline supporting the feasibility of the project.
- Total cost of the project including RHP funding as well as any other federal, state, local or other funding.

Scoring of the applications will be based on the following:

RHP Rating and Ranking Criteria Description		Scoring Range (Excellent-10 points, Good-8 points, Fair-5 points, Deficient-2 points, Poor-0 points)					Score	Weight	Total Score
1	Licensed and in good standing	Yes (10 points)	No (0 points)					1.0	
2	Experience in substance abuse/recovery residence services	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		2.5	
3	Previous federal grant experience	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		2.0	
4	Has an unmet need	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		1.0	
5	Capacity for additional service area	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		2.0	
6	Annual outcome measures plan	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		1.0	
7	Project timeline feasibility	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		2.0	
8	Project cost	Excellent	Good	Fair	Deficient	Poor		2.0	

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Rogers of this office at (225) 342-8440.